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In re Patent Application of	)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Mikhail Kejzelman et al. Application No.: 10/689,656 Filing Date: October 22, 2003		Group Art Unit: 1793
		Examiner: CHRISTOPHER S.
		KESSLER
Title: METHOD OF PREPARING IRON- BASED COMPONENTS	) ) )	Confirmation No.: 6495

## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.  $\boxtimes$ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the 
\$\sum \$70 \$\sum \$140 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed. Also enclosed is/are: \_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$\infty\$ \$ 405 \$\infty\$ \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. \subseteq 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ for which continued examination is requested. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least , which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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$\boxtimes$	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS						
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additio	nal Fee
Total Claims	19	20	0	x \$ 52 (1202)	\$	0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 220 (1201)		0
☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 390 (1203)				\$	0	
Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$	0		
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee				0		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$	0		

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Respectfully submitted,

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